

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April-June 2007)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 06/12/07 7pm, 30 min.

Quincy Teachers Strike - A teacher strike in Quincy, now in its third day, is being closely watched by other school districts around the state. With contract negotiations stalled after 18 months, the 890-member Quincy Education Associated went on strike Friday June 8th. The key sticking point is whether Quincy teachers should pay a larger portion of their health insurance costs. The city wants teachers to pay 20% of their health care premiums, the teacher union wants to maintain the current 10%. Quincy Mayor William Phelan and Quincy middle school teacher Linda Monaco will be guests to discuss the issue.

Basic Black, L 06/14/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Science and Students of Color - Research suggests that the gap is widening between the challenges of scientific endeavors and the engagement of society in those endeavors. Confronting that crisis will involve making an investment in the next generation of scientists. Host Howard Manly moderates a round table discussion with educators to explore their efforts in encouraging students of color to pursue studies and careers in science.

Basic Black, L 06/28/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Tools of Engagement - The days of gold stars and ribbons have long gone but the need to motivate students remains strong. Cash, cars, laptops...or AP classes? What are the incentives that work and are those incentives a reflection on the learning environment? Do students of color require different motivational methods? How can teachers become partners in engaging the 21st century student in the learning experience? This episode of Basic Black brings together leading education advocates for a roundtable discussion on the issue of tools for motivating and engaging students of color.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston L 05/09/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Storrow Drive - We looked at the redesign and reconstruction of Storrow Drive and the underpass, and discussed how traffic will be rerouted during construction.

Greater Boston L 05/29/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Logan Airport Art - a tour of an exhibit which opened in March at Logan Airport and is billed as the country's largest interactive public art project. a tour of an exhibit which opened in March at Logan Airport and is billed as the country's largest interactive public art project. A complimentary piece by Janney, "Rainbow

Cove Green", graces the northeast pedestrian tower. Both pieces are basically colored window glass that will permanently grace the facades of both towers.

Greater Boston L 05/29/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Flyover Fiasco - A look at why the new flyover didn't make the commute off the Cape any easier on Memorial Day.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston L 06/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Suffolk Jurors - The state's jury commissioner says Suffolk County is at risk of running out of prospective jurors by October. Suffolk County District Attorney agrees and has proposed that Suffolk County use jurors who live outside of the county. The jury commissioner disagrees. Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley and Jury Commissioner Pamela Wood were guests to discuss the issue.

Basic Black, L 06/21/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Youth Violence - The intensity and acceleration of violence in Boston's communities of color is alarming. The problem is especially acute among young people and violent incidents among young girls are increasing. Young people are both victims and victimizers. Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith is a nationally recognized leader in using the public health system to develop strategies to combat youth violence. In conversation with Howard Manly, Dr. Prothrow-Stith outlines the causes of youth violence, delivers an impassioned need for a call to action, and offers hope for solutions.

Greater Boston L 05/07/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Murphy v. Herald Decision - Greater Boston looked at a SJC decision which upheld a MA Superior Court decision that found that the Herald had indeed libeled Judge Murphy.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Keepers of the Flame: The Cultural Legacy of Three Hawaiian Women N 05/15/07, 10pm, 60 min.

This program chronicles the lives of three Hawaiian women who, more than any other 20th century figures, helped to revive the flame of traditional Hawaiian culture: historian and author Mary Kawena Pukui; dancer and chanter 'Iolani Luahine, and kumu hula and teacher Edith Kanaka'ole. They kept their culture alive in a time when things Hawaiian were under threat and were instrumental in the Hawaiian renaissance.

Greater Boston, L 05/08/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Military Recruiting - a look at Military recruitment on High School campuses across the state.

La Plaza, L 04/03/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Conversations with Ilan Stavans - In 1973 Rueben Martínez began stocking his Orange County barbershop with books to satisfy the thirst among his clients for good Latino literature. Today, although he still maintains a barber's chair, the book clients far outnumber those seeking a haircut. Join this MacArthur Fellowship recipient and owner of the largest Spanish language bookstore in the country as he describes the importance of literacy among Latinos and the growing demand of books in Spanish

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston L 04/10/07, 7pm, 30 min.

HIB Visas - explore why the US abruptly stopped issuing work visa and the devastating effect it's having on companies in Massachusetts.

Greater Boston L 05/01/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Foreclosures - Greater Boston will look at Gov. Patrick's new initiative to have the Banking Commission review all homes in Massachusetts designated for foreclosure. With this review the Governor anticipates that many homes will be saved from being foreclosed.

La Plaza, L 04/17/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Conversations with Ilan Stavans - Antonia Hernández's career has been focused on her fierce commitment to activism. She is the president and CEO of the California Community Foundation, one of the largest and most active philanthropic organizations in the country. Hernández leads her organization for the advancement of under-served communities in Los Angeles and beyond.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 06/13/06, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston will discuss beach erosion and what the state is doing to protect them.

Greater Boston, L 05/07/06, 7pm, 30 min.

Disappearing Bees - A look at bees disappearing from other states and discuss whether the phenomenon could occur here in Massachusetts.

Greater Boston, L 06/25/06, 7pm, 30 min.

Red Tide - A red tide bloom has already impacted the state's shellfish beds north of Gloucester. Mary Griffin, commissioner for the Dept. of Fish and Game, is

trying to limit the impact of the potentially lethal red tide. And a local clamdigger tells a more personal story.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 06/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Stem Cells - Last week, scientists announced a new way to produce stem cells that could defuse the current moral controversy. The research, pioneered by three different research teams, has found a way to make skin cells act like embryonic cells. This potentially gives scientists a way to research stem cells without having to destroy human embryos as is now the case. Prof. Rudolf Jaenisch of the Whitehead Institute at MIT and the senior author of one of the scientific papers presented last week on the topic was a guest to discuss his findings.

Greater Boston, L 05/09/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Biotech Program - A look at Gov. Patrick's proposal to invest \$1 billion dollars to attract more biotech firms to the state.

Greater Boston, L 04/17/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Virginia Tech Shootings - Greater Boston looked at the events of the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech with three local experts who explored security at college campuses and mental illness among young people.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 05/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

MCCA - Emily Rooney will sit down with the Executive Director of MCAA to discuss the Biotech convention, the new convention center in South Boston and the Hynes Convention Center.

Greater Boston, L 05/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Beat the Press - A look at Rupert Murdoch's bid to purchase the WSJ.

Greater Boston, L 04/19/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Speaker DiMasi - House speaker Sal DiMasi was a guest to discuss the new senate president, the state budget and casino gambling in Massachusetts.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 06/25/07, 7pm, 30 min.

War Widow - a young widow from Peabody enlisted in the Army, just weeks after her husband and childhood sweetheart was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Melissa Garvin sets off next month for basic training in Missouri. But her mom is

fighting to keep her home and out of harm's way. They'll talk it all out with Emily Rooney.

Greater Boston, L 06/25/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Social Liability - A look at a program in Needham developed to advise parents about their legal liability if they leave their teenage kid at home alone, he or she invite friends over or have a party and there is underage drinking in the home.

Greater Boston, L 05/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Beat the Press- Al Sharpton's comment that Christians should not support Presidential candidate Mitt Romney because he's a Mormon.